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Attorney Docket Number	GS 0446 A US
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Application Number	09 / 945,552
Filing Date	September 2, 2001
Group Art Unit	
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CONTACT PRESSURE REGULATION SYSTEM

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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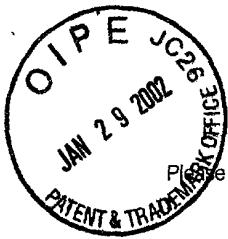
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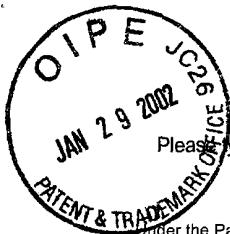
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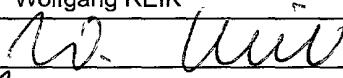
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